during 2003 and advertised through a website for sale to garden growers during October, 2004. The State Government has taken appropriate action in the matter and is also in the process of taking legal action in a court of law in the State.

Entrepreneur Centre

†*333. DR. CHHATTRAPAL SINGH LODHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have formulated a plan to set up Entrepreneur Centre;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the aims to set up Entrepreneur Centre; and

(d) the progress made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Recognizing the key role of entrepreneurship development in growth of industries, the Government of India has established/supported several institutions for entrepreneurship development.

(b) to (d) There are 3 national level autonomous training institutions under the Ministry of Small Scale Industries which provide training for entrepreneurship development, *viz.* the Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE) at Guwahati, National Institute of Small Industry Extension Training (NISIET) at Hyderabad and the National Institute of Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development Board (NIESBDB) at Noida.

Under the Entrepreneurship Development Institutions (EDIs) Scheme being implemented by the Ministry of Small Scale Industries, financial assistance is provided to strengthen the infrastructure of existing EDIs and also for setting up new institutes. One time capital grant of upto Rs. 1 crore is provided by the Central Government to the institutes for building, equipment, training aids, etc. The remaining amount, in the form of matching contribution, is provided by the State Government concerned or a public sector financial institution. Financial assistance of Rs.13.94 crores has been provided to 22 State level EDIs so far.

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